



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "curiosity" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Keira      **Year 1:** Bella      **Year 2:** Karter      **Year 3:** Roman  
**Year 4:** Lucas      **Year 5:** Maisie      **Year 6:** Lucas

### Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.8%.

Well done to Year 1 for best attendance this week at 100%!

### Dates for Diary

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photos AM (younger siblings welcome from 8.50am)
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Reception Vision Screening AM
- We 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Y1 to Y6 Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.15
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October - break up for Half term 28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y2 A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist PM
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December - Flu vaccination - whole school
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip AM
- Break up for Xmas Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December!
- Inset day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - pupils return Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 24

### Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported this event and donated, the whole school has enjoyed dancing in denim today.

### Farewell to Mrs Lockhart

At the end of this half term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Lockhart as she takes a step away from teaching to focus on working with families whose children have Special Educational Needs. Mrs Lockhart has been with us for many, many years and has been a huge part of our school community in a variety of different roles. We will all miss her immensely but wish her lots of happiness in the future.

At present we are recruiting a new teacher for Reception class who will have time to work with Mrs Lockhart to make the transition as smooth as possible for the children. Mrs Lockhart's SENCo position will be temporarily covered by Miss West and Mrs Humphrey until a suitably qualified professional can be appointed. We hope that before she leaves Mrs Lockhart will be able to meet with the families she currently supports (more details to follow).

### Earrings Reminder

Earrings are not allowed to be worn in school; this includes clear plastic ones. If your child comes to school wearing earrings and cannot remove them independently, you will be contacted and asked to come to school to remove them.

### Home-learning

If you are struggling to access home-learning for your child at home your child may be eligible for home-learning club at school. Please email the school office who will then pass any queries to class teachers who can discuss this further with you.



### Easyfundraising - Big donations from the big food shop

What a streak! We've had 18 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they make online purchases! Please keep up the good work, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, if you sign up today, we could win one of ten £100 donations! Let's see how much we can raise together.

Weekly food shops are the easiest way to get weekly donations. Seven of the leading supermarkets offer up to £10 per shop. From 16 - 29th September, you can also win the cost of your food shop back when you shop with any of the following: Waitrose, Morrisons, ASDA, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Iceland, or Ocado.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/portobelloprisch/N7TLL/c2s/128FF5bb/CE949/facebook/18>

### Rights Respecting

Article 2 -No discrimination - All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.



For Harvest Festival we will be collecting donations for the Gateshead Foodbank.

Donations will be welcome in school **from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October with our deadline being Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

This means items will be on display in the hall in time for our KS1 and KS2 Harvest assemblies. Items will then be collected by the warehouse team and distributed accordingly.

All food distributed by Gateshead Foodbank is donated by the public - that's why your food donations are vital in the ability to give everyone referred a balanced and nutritious Seven-day supply of food.

Gateshead Foodbank are in urgent need of the following items:

- Beans
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tea
- Coffee

They are also delighted to receive all types of toiletries including sanitary products, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and toothpaste. They have plenty pasta.

If you would like to know more about Gateshead foodbank you can use the following link to the website.

<https://gateshead.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Trussell Trust has worked with nutritionists to ensure food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least seven days' worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families. A typical food parcel includes Breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits and snacks.

It would be great if you can add an item to your shopping list over the coming weeks and send into school between the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and AM of the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Kind regards School Council